

Friday, May 17, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5215–S5303

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1771–1776. **Page S5267**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1777, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for certain activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S5267**

Measures Passed:

C-17 Aircraft: Senate passed S. 1710, to authorize multiyear contracting for the C-17 aircraft program. **Pages S5298–99**

Congressional Budget: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed there-to, as follows: **Pages S5216–65**

Adopted:

Domenici (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3993, to express the sense of the Senate on funding to assist youth at risk. **Pages S5231–32**

Domenici (for Moseley-Braun/Simon) Amendment No. 3994, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of budgetary savings in the mandatory spending area. **Pages S5232–34**

Murray Amendment No. 3992, to express the sense of the Senate that the General Services Administration should place a high priority on facilitating direct transfer of excess Federal Government computers to public schools and community-based educational organizations. **Pages S5230–31, S5255**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 4004, to express the sense of the Senate on the costs of training sessions off of Federal property. **Pages S5252–53, S5254–55**

Exon (for Baucus/Burns) Amendment No. 4005, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the essential air service program of the Department of Transportation. **Pages S5256–57**

Exon (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 4006, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress and the President should immediately approve legislation

providing homemakers with equal retirement savings opportunity. **Pages S5256–57**

Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 3982, to preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicaid program by controlling costs, providing State flexibility, and restoring critical standards and protections, including coverage for all populations covered under current law, to restore \$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms. **Page S5216**

Wyden/Kerry Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions. **Page S5216**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3985, to express the sense of the Senate on tax deductibility of higher education tuition and student loan interest costs. **Pages S5216–19**

Wellstone/Kerry Amendment No. 3986, to express the sense of the Senate that funds will be available to hire new police officers under the Community Oriented Policing Service. **Page S5219**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3987, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress will not enact or adopt any legislation that would increase the number of children who are hungry or homeless. **Page S5219**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3988, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to maintaining current expenditure levels for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1997. **Pages S5219–20**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3989, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the interrelationship between domestic violence and welfare. **Page S5220**

Kerry Amendment No. 3990, to restore proposed cuts in the environment and natural resources programs, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. **Pages S5220–24, S5234–36**

Kerry Amendment No. 3991, to increase the Function 500 totals to maintain levels of education and training funding that will keep pace with rising school enrollments and the demand for a better-trained workforce, to be offset by the extension of

expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms.

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Kyl Amendment No. 3995, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a supermajority requirement for raising taxes.

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Kyl Amendment No. 3996, to providing funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program through fiscal year 2000.

Pages S5239–41, S5242–43

Kennedy Amendment No. 3997, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should maintain the existing prohibition against additional charges by providers under the medicare program.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3998, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should not include any changes in Federal nursing home quality standards or the Federal enforcement of such standards.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3999, to express the sense of the Congress that provisions of current Medicaid law protecting families of nursing home residents from experiencing financial ruin as the price of needed care for their loved ones should be retained.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 4000, to express the sense of the Senate relating to the protection of the wages of construction workers.

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Byrd Amendment No. 4001, to increase overall discretionary spending to the levels proposed by the President, offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms.

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Lott/Smith Amendment No. 4002, to express the sense of the Congress regarding reimbursement of the United States for the costs associated with Operations Southern Watch and Provide Comfort out of revenues generated by any sale of petroleum originating from Iraq.

Pages S5248–49, S5253–54

Simpson/Moynihan Amendment No. 4003, to express the sense of the Senate that all Federal spending and revenues which are indexed for inflation should be calibrated by the most accurate inflation indices which are available to the Federal Government.

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Graham Amendment No. 4007, to create a 60 vote point of order against legislation diverting savings achieved through Medicare waste, fraud and abuse enforcement activities for purposes other than improving the solvency of the Medicare Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Monday, May 20, 1996.

Administration of Presidio Properties—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain

Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Murkowski, Domenici, Nickles, Johnston, and Bumpers.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Extradition Treaty with Malaysia signed in Kuala Lumpur on August 3, 1995. (Treaty Doc. No. 104–26). The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report to accompany the Supplementary Social Security Agreement between the U.S. and Austria; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–147).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Arma Jane Karaer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Alan Philip Larson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Marcia E. Miller, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2003.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Messages From the President:

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Additional Statements:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 4:03 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Monday, May 20, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5299.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, receiving testimony from Harris Wofford, President and Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 22.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Avis T. Bohlen, of

the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Marisa R. Lino, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Jay Stephens, Washington, D.C., and Bruce Ericson and Charles Patterson, both of San Francisco, California, all of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 20.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D489)

H.R. 2064, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia. Signed May 16, 1996. (P.L. 104-144)

H.R. 2137, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders. Signed May 17, 1996. (P.L. 104-145)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 20 through 25, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, Concurrent Budget Resolution.

During the balance of the week Senate may consider H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act, and any legislative or executive item cleared for consideration.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 21, 1996, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Monday, No legislative business is scheduled.

Tuesday, Consideration of the following 7 suspensions:

1. H.R. 1483, Revision of Veterans Benefits Decisions Based on Clear and Unmistakable Error;

2. H.R. 3373, Veterans' Benefits Amendments of 1996;

3. H.R. 2594, Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments of 1996;

4. H. Con. Res. 154, Congratulating the Republic of China on Taiwan on the Occasion of its First Presidential Democratic Election;

5. H. Con. Res. 160, Congratulating the People of Sierra Leone on the Success of their Recent Democratic Multiparty Elections;

6. H. Con. Res. 165, Saluting and Congratulating Polish People Around the World as they Commemorate the 205th Anniversary of Poland's First Constitution; and

7. H. Con. Res. 167, Recognizing the Tenth Anniversary of Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster.

Consideration of H. Res. 437, rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997; and

Consideration of H.R. 3415, to Repeal the 4.3 Cent Increase in Transportation Motor Fuels Excise Tax (closed rule, 1 hour of debate).

Wednesday, Consideration of H.R. 1227, Relating to Payment of Wages to Employees Who Use Employer-Owned Vehicles and Consideration of H.R. 3448, the Small Business Job Protection Act (subject to the same rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (modified open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

Thursday, Consideration of H.R. 3144, Defend America Act of 1996 (modified closed rule, 2 hours of debate).

Friday, No legislative business is scheduled.

NOTE.—Conference reports may be brought up at any time. Any further program will be announced later.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 21, to hold hearings on the nominations of Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman, and David D. Spears, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner, both of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 11 a.m., SR-332.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1166, to improve the registration of pesticides, to provide minor use crop protection, and to improve pesticide tolerances to safeguard infants and children, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: May 21, 22 and 23, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, Tuesday, for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international financial institutions, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, for foreign assistance programs, focusing on peacekeeping and international organizations and programs, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m.; Tuesday in SD-138, Wednesday in SD-G50 and Thursday in SD-106.

May 22, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the United States Pacific Command, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 22, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-138.

May 23, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Congressional Budget Office and the Capitol Police, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 21, to hold hearings on S. 1511, to impose sanctions on Burma, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 22, to hold open and closed hearings on broadcast spectrum issues (closed in S-407, Capitol), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1645, to regulate United States scientific and tourist activities in Antarctica and to conserve Antarctic resources, and related programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 22, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: May 20, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings on proposals to create personal savings accounts under Social Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 22, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine prospects for peace in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 22, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine security in cyberspace, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 23, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the status of the modernization of the Internal Revenue Service tax modernization system, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 21, to hold hearings to examine the American Bar Association and its role in the selection of Federal judges, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 21, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 582, to provide that certain voluntary disclosures of violations of Federal laws made pursuant to an environmental audit shall not be subject to discovery or admitted into evidence during a Federal judicial or administrative proceeding, 2 p.m., SD-226.

May 23, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: May 21, to hold oversight hearings on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

May 23, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine methods of encouraging responsible fatherhood, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 22, to resume hearings on issues with regard to the Government Printing Office, focusing on public access to Government

information in the 21st century and GPO's depository library program, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business: May 22, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to strengthen, expand, and improve the Small Business Investment Company program, and to consider the nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 23, to hold hearings on miscellaneous veterans bills, including S. 281, S. 749, S. 1131, S. 1342, S. 1711, S. 993, S. 994, S. 995, S. 996, S. 1748, S. 1749, S. 1750, S. 1751, S. 1752, and S. 1753, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 21, to hold hearings on Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia, 11 a.m., SD-G50.

Special Committee on Aging: May 23, to hold hearings to examine how the Supplemental Security Income and the Disability Income programs can be reformed to encourage more people to enter into productive employment, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 22, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Produce, hearing on seafood inspection programs, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 21, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 10:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on National Security, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 22, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 4 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, May 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing and markup of H.R. 3431, Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Improvement Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, May 23, to mark up H.R. 3268, IDEA Improvement Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, May 22, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Conditions within the District of Columbia Department of Corrections, 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 23, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Reinventing Downsizing the Reinvention, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 23, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the monitoring of food-borne pathogens by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FDA, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 21, hearing on AID Whistleblower: Paul Neifert, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on War on Drugs

in the Western Hemisphere: Fact or Fiction, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Forced Migration in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 21, oversight hearing on Church fires in the South, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding the Nature, Extent, and Proliferation of Federal Law Enforcement—Part II: State and Local Law Enforcement Perspectives, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up the following: H.R. 2587, War Crimes Act of 1995; H.R. 740, to confer jurisdiction on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe; private immigration bills; and private claims bills, 10 a.m., B352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, May 22, Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on H.R. 2754, Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 21, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on several ecoregion-based assessments currently being conducted by the U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 21, Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, oversight hearing on Bonneville Power Administration operations and status of the Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 22, full Committee, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to mark up H.R. 2372, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Amendments Act of 1995, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 23, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 639, West Virginia National Rivers Technical Amendments Act of 1995; H.R. 640, West Virginia National Rivers Boundary Modifications Act of 1995; H.R. 1825, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to limit acquisition of land on the 39-mile headwaters segment of the Missouri River, Nebraska and South Dakota, designated as a recreation river, to acquisition from willing sellers; H.R. 2255, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 2292, Hanford Reach Preservation; H.R. 3127, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1996; H.R. 2466, to improve the process for land exchanges for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 3031, to amend the Act of October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 915),

as amended, establishing a program for the preservation of additional historic property throughout the Nation; and H.R. 2528, to require the Secretary of the Interior to renew to the heirs of permittees permits for historic cabins located in the Mineral King Addition of the Sequoia National Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 21, to consider the following: H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles; and H.R. 3448, Small Business Job Promotion Act of 1996, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

May 24, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, hearing on Legislating in the 21st Century Congress: Assessing the Impact of Information Technology on the Legislative Process, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 23, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on FDA Consolidation; and to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 172, authorizing the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, MO, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building;" H.R. 3364, to designate a U.S. Courthouse in Scranton, PA, as the "William J. Nealon United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 3400, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, NE, as the "Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse," 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 22, Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs, to mark up H.R. 3458, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996; and other pending legislation, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 22 and 23, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearings on welfare reform, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth and B-318 Rayburn on May 23.

May 22, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on H.R. 3107, Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 22, executive, hearing on Bosnia/Iran Arms, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conferees: May 21, on H.R. 1617, to consolidate Federal employment training, vocational education, and adult education programs and create integrated statewide workforce development systems, 4 p.m., S-207, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Monday, May 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business is scheduled.



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